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DATE: April 3, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: 
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Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Chukar Cherry Company -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in Indiana. The packaged products were distributed throughout the United States via various retail outlets and gift shops as well as Chukar retail stores, mail order catalog, and internet store. Product was also sold in bulk in western Washington at REI, Ballard Market, Town & Country Market, and Central Market; in greater Chicago, IL and Troy, MI area Whole Foods; at Good Earth Natural Foods in Spearfish, SD and at Neuchatel Chocolates in New York, NY. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Chukar Cherry Company Announces Nationwide Recall of Products Containing Pistachios Because of Possible Health Risks

Contact:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Prosser, WA (April 2, 2009) – Chukar Cherry Co. of Prosser, WA announced today that it is voluntarily recalling from nationwide distribution specific "best before" dates of Chukar brand and Norm Thompson brand packaged products containing pistachios from Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. sold directly to consumers or resellers due to potential contamination with the *Salmonella* organism. Chukar Cherry Co. has received no reports of illness related to their products containing pistachios; the company is issuing this recall as a precaution. This potential contamination is not related to the recent peanut/peanut butter recalls.

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis, and arthritis.

This voluntary recall affects products containing shelled, roasted pistachios shipped on or after October 27, 2008. The packaged products were distributed throughout the United States via various retail outlets and gift shops as well as Chukar retail stores, mail order catalog, and internet store. Product was also sold in bulk in western Washington at REI, Ballard Market, Town & Country Market, and Central Market; in greater Chicago, IL and Troy, MI area Whole Foods; at Good Earth Natural Foods in Spearfish, SD and at Neuchatel Chocolates in New York, NY.

The affected products below may have been sold individually or as part of a gift basket:

UPC	Description	Size	Best By Dates
0 11261 08604 7	Triple Cherry Nut	16 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 08607 8	Berry & Pistachio	16 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 08618 4	Nuts Over Bings Mix	16 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 08837 9	Cherry Chocolate Nut Mix	20 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 08843 0	Triple Cherry Nut	20 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 08845 4	Cherry & Pistachio Mix	20 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 08945 1	Berry & Nut	20 oz tin	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 11202 9	Dark Chocolate Cherry Chocolate Nut 100% Natural Energy Mix	2 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 14102 9	No Sugar Added	2 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
	Nuts Over Bings 100% Natural Energy Mix		
0 11261 14702 1	No Sugar Added Triple Cherry Nut 100% Natural Energy Mix	2 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 14802 8	Dried Fruit & Nuts Berry & Pistachio 100% Natural Energy Mix	2 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 14803 5	Cherry, Cranberry, Roasted Nuts Berry & Pistachio	3 oz film box	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 21208 8	Dark Chocolate Cherry Chocolate Nut 100% Natural Energy Mix	8 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 24108 8	No Sugar Added Triple Cherry Nut 100% Natural Energy Mix	8 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 24208 5	No Sugar Added Cherry & Pistachio 100% Natural Energy Mix	8 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 24808 7	Dried Fruit & Nuts Berry & Pistachio 100% Natural Energy Mix	8 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
0 11261 25008 0	No Sugar Added Nuts Over Bings All Natural Mix. No Sugar Added	8 oz film bag	122009 thru 042010
16013 - NCLR	Norm Thompson - Nuts Over Cherries	14 oz tin	December 2009
0 11261 94110 0	Pacific Northwest Triple Cherry Nut	5 lb ziplock bag	112009 thru 032010
0 11261 94810 9	Cherry, Cranberry, Roasted Nuts Berry & Pistachio	5 lb ziplock bag	112009 thru 032010

Consumers should not consume these products and should return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Please visit www.chukar.com/recall or call toll free (800) 624-9544 8am-5pm PST Monday-Friday for further information. No other code dates, package sizes or Chukar products are impacted.

This is the first ever recall for Chukar Cherry Company. Chukar Cherry Company has been selling fruit and nut energy snacks containing pistachios for over 20 years. Chukar Cherry Company is committed to quality products and consumer safety and is taking aggressive action to prevent the need for any future recalls of its products.

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